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SUBJECT: U.S. PRIORITIES AT THE AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT

REF: STATE 57206

11. This is an action request. Please see paragraph 4-5.

12. The 13th African Union (AU) Summit will be hosted by Libya July 1-3, 2009 (ref). AF Assistant Secretary Johnnie Carson will lead the U.S. delegation to the Summit with the aim of engaging African leaders on USG policy priorities with respect to Somalia, Zimbabwe, the DRC, and Sudan and to urge parties to take a principled stand against the unconstitutional change of governments in Mauritania, Guinea, and Madagascar.

13. A/S Carson will also seek to encourage cooperation with the USG on promoting democracy, good governance, and human rights including greater efforts to support peace and security, economic growth and development and food security, and to curb gender-based violence.

14. Action addresses are requested to approach host country officials to inform them of A/S Carson's priorities on the margins of the Summit and to seek bilateral meetings with the following delegations: Uganda, Nigeria, Somalia, South Africa, Zimbabwe (President Mugabe), Chad, Botswana and African Union.

15. AF Maria Beyzerov, Joel Maybury and NEA Chris Andino will have the lead in arranging meetings for A/S Carson. All meetings will be arranged in Libya. Please pass the contact information below to the primary point of contact for your respective delegation:

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16. Please contact AF/E Maria Beyzerov at (202) 647-6453 or AF/RSA Lou Mazel at (202) 647-6476 or via email for any additional information.

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